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8 DONNA ABILA,

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

2:09-cv-01345-KJD-VCF

ORDER

[Motion to Compel Payment of Defense Expert's Deposition Fee. (#79)]

Before the Court is the Government's Motion to Compel Payment of Defense Expert's Deposition Fee. (#79).

Background

On December 5, 2012, the Government filed the Motion to Compel Payment of Defense Expert's Deposition Fee. (#79). The Government seeks Plaintiff, "to pay defense expert Dr. Charles Crinnian the outstanding balance of \$600.00 owed on Dr. Crinnian's deposition fee of \$1,800.00." *Id.* Plaintiff filed a Non-Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Compel Payment of Defense Expert's Deposition Fee. (#80). Plaintiff does not dispute the \$600.00 fee and, "is willing to issue a \$600 check to Dr. Crinnian if there are no further costs to her arising out of this issue." *Id.* On December 14, 2012, the Government filed a reply stating that it is inappropriate for Plaintiff to attach conditions onto the fee payment as she is legally obligated to pay the outstanding fee of \$600.00. (#81).

Discussion

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(4)(E), the party seeking discovery must "pay the expert reasonable fee for time spent in responding to discovery under Rule 26(b)(4)(A)." Plaintiff filed a Non-Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Compel Payment of Defense Expert's Deposition Fee and stated that she is willing to pay the outstanding \$600.00 deposition fee owed to defense expert Dr. Charles

Crinnian.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Compel Payment of Defense Expert's Deposition Fee (#76) is GRANTED.

IS IT FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff must pay the outstanding \$600.00 deposition fee owed to defense expert, Dr. Charles Crinnian, on or before January 31, 2013.

DATED this 7th day of January, 2013.

CAM FERENBACH

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE